Flint buttons on restricted list of imports

3138. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Group of Ministres while reviewing the viability plan of M/s. Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd. (BOGL) has recommended for issurance of a public notice putting import of Flint Buttons on the restricted list of import;

(b) if so, from which date the Flint Bottons will be put on the import list as a restricted item; and

(c) if not, whether Government propose to implement the Group of Ministers' recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Review of the Export and Import Policy is an ongoing excercise and changes in it are made keeping in view various factors.

Dumping of Russian flint buttons

3139. SHRI JIBON ROY: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is is a fact that Russian Flint Buttons are being dumped in Indian market at throw away prices;

(b) whether it is also a fact that M/s. Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd. is facing crisis in the domestic market due to this dumping: and

(c) if the answer to parts (a) and (b) above are in the affirmative, what steps are being taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) No, Sir. The Designated Authority for Anti-dumping has not received any petition alleging dumping of Russian Flit Buttons.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

Letters written by MPs to Ministry

3140. SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL: Will the Minister COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the numbe of letters written by the members of Parliament to the Ministry during the period from 1st April, 1994 to 31st March, 1995:

(b) what is the number of letters acknowledged out of them:

(c) what is the number of letters in respect of which final replies were sent; and

(d) what is the break up of final letters issued by the Ministry containing positive and negative replies respectively?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINNSTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) A total of 555 letters were received from Members of Parliament in the Ministry of Commerce during the year 1.4.94 to 31.3.95.

(b) 231 letters were acknowledged. Generally all the letters are acknowledged. However, in some cases where information is readily available, final replies are sent without resorting to acknowledgements.

(c) 468 letters.

(d) 109 positive.

20 negative.

330 others (providing factual information).